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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 3 Percent in June

HARRISBURG, PA, Jul 21, 2006 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during June 2006 totaled 101.4 million pounds, up 3 percent from June 2005, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 86.7 million pounds live weight, was down 1 percent from June 2005. Total head slaughtered was 70,900, down 1 percent. Live weight averaged 1,224 pounds, up 1 pound from last year. Veal production was 6.5 million pounds live weight, up 23 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 15,000 head was up 15 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 29 pounds to 437 pounds.

Pork production was 60.8 million pounds live weight, up 6 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 249,400, up 6 percent from June 2005. Average live weight increased 1 pound from last year to 244 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during June 2006 was 470,000 pounds live weight, down 7 percent. The number slaughtered was 4,800, down 6 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 98 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in June 2006 totaled 4.12 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in June 2005. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.43 billion pounds, was up 9 percent. Veal production totaled 13.0 million pounds, down 1 percent from June a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.6 million pounds, was down 5 percent from June 2005.

January-June red meat production was 23.3 billion pounds, up 5 percent from June 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 7 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

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